

Remarks

Claims 1-17 are pending in this case, Claim 18 was cancelled and claims 1 and 13 were amended. The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as being broader than the enabling disclosure of the specification because “the claims contain subject matter which does not have basis in the application originally filed.” Applicants have now deleted the additional wording and respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 8 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as their invention. Applicants have amended Claim 8 to clearly indicate that the parts measurement is “parts by weight” as provided in all other claims. Applicants have also cancelled claim 18. Therefore, the applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Applicants note that the Examiner specified that “the claims as they now stand are allowable over any cited prior art.” Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above objections and allow the amended claims to issue.

This reply is being submitted within the period for response to the outstanding office action. Although the applicants believe in good faith that no extensions of time are needed, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

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